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Nova Scotia/Canada Economic Indicators

June 2006

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Notes:

(1) Statistics Canada estimate July 1
(2) Annual average
a Actual
sa Seasonally adjusted
p Preliminary
pa Preliminary actual
i Intention
ri Revised intention

Data Sources:
Population, Vital Statistics, Migration - Statistics Canada, Demographic Estimates Section, Quarterly Demographic Statistics, Catalogue No. 91-002
Labour Force - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Labour Force Survey, monthly Catalogue No. 71-001-XIE; Labour Force Historical Review, Catalogue No. 71F0004XCB
Employment Insurance - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Employment Insurance Statistics, monthly
Consumer Price Index - Statistics Canada, Prices Division, The Consumer Price Index, Catalogue 62-001
Income (Personal Income per Capita, Total Wages & Salaries, Average Weekly Wages) - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB; Estimates of Labour Income, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13F0016; Employment, Earnings & Hours, monthly, Catalogue No. 72-002
Retail/Wholesale - Statistics Canada, Retail Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-005; New Motor Vehicle Sales, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-007; Wholesale Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-008
Commodity Sector - Statistics Canada, Farm Cash Receipts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 21-001; Sawmills & Planing Mills, monthly, Catalogue No. 35-003; Canada's Mineral Production, annual, Catalogue No. 26-202; Natural Gas Transportation and Distribution, monthly, Catalogue No. 55-002; Electric Power Statistics, monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Fisheries & Oceans Canada statistics, annual monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Shipments, CANSIM Tables 304-0014 and 304-0015; Canadian International Merchandise Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 65-001
Construction - Statistics Canada, Private and Public Investment in Canada, annual, Catalogue Nos. 61-205; Building Permits, monthly, Catalogue No.64-001; Canada Mortgage and Housing statistics, monthly/quarterly
Gross Domestic Product - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB

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		2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	2003	2004	2005	2004/2003	2005/2004
POPULATION	Apr 1/2006	936,879	937,800	935,824	0.1	(0.2)	936,302 (1)	937,509 (1)	937,889 (1)	0.1	0.0
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Jan-Mar/2006	2,038	2,026	2,001	(0.6)	(1.2)	8,650	8,605	8,537	(0.5)	(0.8)
Deaths	Jan-Mar/2006	2,113	2,150	2,222	1.8	3.3	8,191	8,336	8,522	1.8	2.2
Marriages	Jan-Mar/2006	335	335	334	0.0	(0.3)	4,878	4,866	4,853	(0.2)	(0.3)
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	Jan-Mar/2006	(242)	(415)	(943)	--	--	1,362	874	(1,366)	(35.8)	--
Net Interprovincial	Jan-Mar/2006	(619)	(599)	(1,335)	--	--	142	(431)	(2,676)	--	--
Net International	Jan-Mar/2006	377	184	392	--	--	1,220	1,305	1,310	7.0	0.4
Immigration	Jan-Mar/2006	393	328	496	(16.5)	51.2	1,476	1,770	1,929	19.9	9.0
Emigration	Jan-Mar/2006	16	144	104	800.0	(27.8)	256	465	619	81.6	33.1
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	June/2006	488.7	485.6	478.9	(0.6)	(1.4)	474.6	485.0	483.9	2.2	(0.2)
Employed ('000)	June/2006	445.8	443.1	439.4	(0.6)	(0.8)	431.2	442.2	443.1	2.6	0.2
Goods Industries ('000)	June/2006	95.7	88.9	84.7	(7.1)	(4.7)	92.4	93.7	91.2	1.4	(2.7)
Service Industries ('000)	June/2006	350.1	354.3	354.7	1.2	0.1	338.8	348.5	351.9	2.9	1.0
Unemployment ('000)	June/2006	42.9	42.5	39.5	(0.9)	(7.1)	43.4	42.8	40.8	(1.4)	(4.7)
Unemloyment Rate (%)	June/2006	8.8	8.8	8.2	--	--	9.1	8.8	8.4	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	June/2006	64.6	63.9	62.8	--	--	63.1	64.1	63.6	--	--
Actual											
Employed ('000)	June/2006	460.3	457.7	453.5	(0.6)	(0.9)	431.2	442.2	443.1	2.6	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	June/2006	7.8	7.7	7.4	--	--	9.1	8.8	8.4	--	--

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Apr/2006	46,850	47,420	45,140	1.2	(4.8)	40,698 (2)	40,941 (2)	40,804 (2)	0.6	(0.3)
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	Apr/2006	64,985	68,710	78,124	5.7	13.7	680,374	678,533	692,344	(0.3)	2.0
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
Nova Scotia											
All-Items	June/2006	126.5	129.0	133.0	2.0	3.1	123.9	126.1	129.6	1.8	2.8
Food	June/2006	125.1	128.9	133.3	3.0	3.4	122.5	125.3	129.2	2.3	3.1
Shelter	June/2006	124.8	130.3	136.7	4.4	4.9	122.3	125.4	130.9	2.5	4.4
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	2005	26,113	26,905	28,114	3.0	4.5	26,113	26,905	28,114	3.0	4.5
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-Mar/2006	3,161.2	3,301.6	3,449.8	4.4	4.5	12,997.2	13,250.1	13,944.8	1.9	5.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	Apr/2006	618.65	630.06	648.58	1.8	2.9	598.25	614.85	636.09	2.8	3.5
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE[1]											
All Retail Outlets ($ millions)	Jan-Apr/2006	3,373.0	3,484.3	3,749.6	3.3	7.6	10,014.9	10,296.5	10,596.1	2.8	2.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	549.1	563.0	589.6	2.5	4.7	1,313.1	1,282.2	1,383.1	(2.4)	7.9
Wholesale Trade ($millions)	Jan-May/2006	2,683.9	2,562.2	2,669.8	(4.5)	4.2	6,854.3	6,266.7	6,241.8	(8.6)	(0.4)

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jan-Mar/2006	119.6	127.6	130.4	6.7	2.2	424.8	452.5	453.4	6.5	0.2
Fish Landings ($ millions)	Jan-Dec/2005	847.2	742.2	647.1 p	(12.4)	(12.8)	847.2	742.2	647.1	(12.4)	(12.8)
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Apr/2006	540.7	564.6	462.8	4.4	(18.0)	1,648.4	1,750.7	1,556.7	6.2	(11.1)
Mineral Production[1] ($ millions)	2005	263.2	285.6	286.1 p	8.5	0.2	263.2	285.6	286.1 p	8.5	0.2
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m3)	Jan-Dec/2005	4,469.5	4,174.1	3,945.8	(6.6)	(5.5)	4,469.5	4,174.1	3,945.8	(6.6)	-- --
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Apr/2006	4,574.4	4,502.2	4,069.1	(1.6)	(9.6)	12,386.9	12,563.8	12,371.7	1.4	(1.5)
Manufacturing Shipments ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	3,657.8	3,829.7	3,863.1	4.7	0.9	8,642.5	9,281.1	9,796.6	7.4	5.6
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	2,223.2	2,151.6	2,061.9	(3.2)	(4.2)	5,351.4	5,479.3	5,669.2	2.4	3.5
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	2,872.9	2,918.3	3,266.5	1.6	11.9	5,816.1	6,589.9	6,989.4	13.3	6.1
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction Expenditures ($ millions)	2006	3,662.0	3,699.5 pa	4,176.8 I	1.0	12.9	3,441.9	3,662.0	3,699.5 pa	6.4	1.0
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	433.2	433.7	487.7 p	0.1	12.5	1,014.1	1,125.8	1,188.3	11.0	5.6
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-June/2006	1,448	1,428	1,580	(1.4)	10.6	3,589	3,313	3,258	(7.7)	(1.7)
Completions (units)	Jan-June/2006	1,411	1,030	1,346	(27.0)	30.7	3,634	3,526	2,991	(3.0)	(15.2)
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-June/2006	1,899	1,998	2,278	5.2	14.0	5,096	4,717	4,775	(7.4)	1.2
Completions (units)	Jan-June/2006	2,006	1,733	2,162	(13.6)	24.8	5,434	4,896	4,456	(9.9)	(9.0)
Under Construction (units)	June 30/2006	2,729	2,856	3,014	4.7	5.5	2,770	2,653	2,902	(4.2)	9.4
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained '97 $ millions)	2005	24,925	25,271	25,553	1.4	1.1	24,925	25,271	25,553	1.4	1.1

[1] Excludes oil and gas.

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		2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	2003	2004	2005	2004/2003	2005/2004
POPULATION	Apr 1/2006	31,877,982	32,173,890	32,501,147	0.9	1.0	31,669,150 (1)	31,974,363 (1)	32,270,507 (1)	1.0	0.9
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Jan-Mar/2006	79,954	80,374	82,154	0.5	2.2	335,202	336,003	339,757	0.2	1.1
Deaths	Jan-Mar/2006	61,513	63,072	61,550	2.5	(2.4)	227,285	232,176	236,108	2.2	1.7
Marriages	Jan-Mar/2006	14,715	14,776	15,085	0.4	2.1	145,048	146,093	151,334	0.7	3.6
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	Jan-Mar/2006	53,825	49,545	57,624	(8.0)	16.3	196,070	197,500	212,227	0.7	7.5
Immigration	Jan-Mar/2006	54,915	56,439	55,132	2.8	(2.3)	221,402	235,826	262,239	6.5	11.2
Emigration	Jan-Mar/2006	(299)	6,894	(2,492)	(2405.7)	(136.1)	25,332	38,326	50,012	51.3	30.5
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	June/2006	17,216.0	17,320.5	17,577.3	0.6	1.5	16,958.5	17,182.3	17,342.6	1.3	0.9
Employed ('000)	June/2006	15,975.8	16,151.2	16,510.3	1.1	2.2	15,672.3	15,947.0	16,169.7	1.8	1.4
Goods Industries ('000)	June/2006	4,003.6	4,031.9	3,975.2	0.7	(1.4)	3,925.7	3,989.8	4,002.4	1.6	0.3
Service Industries ('000)	June/2006	11,972.3	12,119.3	12,535.1	1.2	3.4	11,746.6	11,957.2	12,167.3	1.8	1.8
Unemployment ('000)	June/2006	1,240.2	1,169.3	1,067.1	(5.7)	(8.7)	1,286.2	1,235.3	1,172.8	(4.0)	(5.1)
Unemloyment Rate (%)	June/2006	7.2	6.8	6.1	--	--	7.6	7.2	6.8	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	June/2006	67.7	67.2	67.2	--	--	67.5	67.5	67.2	--	--
Actual											
Employed ('000)	June/2006	16,318.5	16,489.5	16,854.5	1.0	2.2	15,672.3	15,947.0	16,169.7	1.8	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	June/2006	6.7	6.3	5.6	--	--	7.6	7.2	6.7	--	--

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Apr/2006	911,280	889,870	835,030 p	(2.3)	(6.2)	841,279 (2)	826,525 (2)	804,841 (2)	(1.8)	(2.6)
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	Apr/2006	1,332,430	1,397,708	1,513,206	4.9	8.3	14,950,569	14,970,341	14,692,519	0.1	(1.9)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
Canada											
All-Items	June/2006	125.1	127.2	130.4	1.7	2.5	122.3	124.6	127.3	1.9	2.2
Food	June/2006	125.6	128.9	131.4	2.6	1.9	122.4	124.9	128.0	2.0	2.5
Shelter	June/2006	120.3	123.8	128.4	2.9	3.7	117.5	120.5	124.2	2.6	3.1
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	2005	29,369	30,343	31,542	3.3	4.0	29,369	30,343	31,542	3.3	-- --
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-Mar/2006	137,089.9	143,938.7	152,679.9	5.0	6.1	541,741.1	568,519.5	600,112.5	4.9	5.6
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	Apr/2006	707.12	721.66	748.94	2.1	3.8	690.57	706.03	728.17	2.2	3.1
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE(1)											
All Retail Outlets ($ millions)	Jan-Apr/2006	113,407.0	121,037.6	128,566.0	6.7	6.2	331,143.4	346,721.5	367,828.5	4.7	6.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	20,310.7	21,348.7	22,140.8	5.1	3.7	50,493.3	49,639.2	52,511.6	(1.7)	5.8
Wholesale Trade ($millions)	Jan-May/2006	181,946.6	192,103.1	207,413.4	5.6	8.0	418,810.2	446,210.0	470,350.0	6.5	5.4

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jan-Mar/2006	8,952.3	9,380.1	9,071.8	4.8	(3.3)	34,360.0	36,554.0	36,991.8	6.4	1.2
Fish Landings ($ millions)	Jan-Dec/2005	2,266.0	2,245.6	1,922.2 p	(0.9)	(14.4)	2,266.0	2,245.6 p	1,922.2	(0.9)	(14.4)
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Apr/2006	28,703.7	29,034.8	28,977.0	1.2	(0.2)	79,319.3	84,589.6	82,888.9	6.6	(2.0)
Mineral Production[1] ($ millions)	2005	20,077.2	24,302.7	26,357.0	21.0	8.5	20,077.2	24,302.7	26,357.0	21.0	8.5
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m3)	Jan-Dec/2005	166,395.6	167,425.7	170,515.5	0.6	1.8	166,395.6	167,425.7	170,515.5	0.6	-- --
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Apr/2006	201,157.5	208,944.2	208,403.6	3.9	(0.3)	564,218.5	568,730.6	594,524.5	0.8	4.5
Manufacturing Shipments ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	239,747.0	250,607.7	254,006.3	4.5	1.4	546,770.2	593,452.5	611,490.6	8.5	3.0
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	157,792.9	163,364.5	171,936.6	3.5	5.2	354,231.6	385,087.1	408,031.9	8.7	6.0
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	145,039.7	156,314.2	162,708.0	7.8	4.1	336,103.7	356,055.7	380,691.3	5.9	6.9
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction Expenditures ($ millions)	2006	154,125.2	167,838.4 pa	179,590.5 i	8.9	7.0	136,763.6	154,125.2	167,838.4 pa	12.7	8.9
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-May/2006	20,423.0	22,761.3	30,902.6	11.4	35.8	50,772.0	55,578.6	60,755.7	9.5	9.3
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-June/2006	95,625	90,616	94,964	(5.2)	4.8	191,907	204,392	193,470	6.5	(5.3)
Completions (units)	Jan-June/2006	81,836	86,127	87,367	5.2	1.4	173,956	188,345	184,406	8.3	(2.1)
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-June/2006	106,760	104,267	109,146	(2.3)	4.7	218,426	233,431	225,481	6.9	(3.4)
Completions (units)	Jan-June/2006	93,944	98,741	101,105	5.1	2.4	199,244	215,621	211,242	8.2	(2.0)
Under Construction (units)	June 30/2006	150,261	160,936	175,219	7.1	8.9	137,774	155,230	169,880	12.7	9.4
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained '97 $ millions)	2005	1,092,388	1,124,428	1,157,446	2.9	2.9	1,092,388	1,124,428	1,157,446	2.9	2.9

[1] Excludes oil and gas.